(b) if so, whether is it proposed to set up a separate Passport office at Madurai;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is demand for opening a Passport office at Madurai. However, no decision has been taken as yet.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) To open a new Passport office at any place, a variety of factors such as demand for passports including the number of passport applications from that area in the last three years, administrative exigencies and availability of manpower are taken into consideration. Based on these factors there is, at present, no decision has been taken to open a separate Passport Office at Madurai.

**Summit of Shanghai Corporation**

1072. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether fifth summit of Shanghai Corporation issued declaration regarding security and counter terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, the details of "Heads of Nations" participated in the above summit;

(d) if so, the details of Indian participation in the above summit; and

(e) the reasons in detail on the absence of the "Head of the Nation" in the Indian delegation for the above summit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The Sixth Summit Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), which was held in Shanghai on 15th June, 06 issued a Declaration and nine other documents. With

reference to issues related to security and counter-terrorism, the Declaration *inter alia* mentions that SCO Member States would "not allow their territories to be used to undermine the sovereignty, security or territorial integrity of other member States, and they prohibit activities by organisations or gangs in their territories that the detrimental to the interests of other member States."

(c) to (e) The following attended the SCO Summit at Shanghai;

(i) Hu Jintao President of China;

(ii) Vladimir Putin - President of Russia;

(iii) Nursultan Nazarbayev - President of Kazakhstan;

(iv) Islam Karimov - President of Uzbekistan;

(v) E. Rahmonov - President of Tajikistan;

(vi) K. Bakiev - President of Kyrgyz Republic;

(vii) Pervez Musharraf - President of Pakistan;

(viii) Mahmoud Ahmedinejad - President of Iran;

(ix) N. Enkhbayar - President of Mongolia.

Dr. Manmohan Singh Prime Minister of India, was not able to attend the SCO Summit due to domestic preoccupations and India was represented by the Shri Murli Deora, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

**Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act**

1073. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Draft Bill on US and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act of 2006 which has been presented before the US House International Relation Committee, says that the Presidential waiver would "cease to be effective" if India conducts a nuclear test; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on the conditional ties imposed by the US on India's unilateral moratorium on conducting nuclear tests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNALAFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) A Bill titled the 'United States and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act of 2006' was introduced in the US House of Representatives and voted upon by the House International Relations committee on 27 June 2006. On 26 July 2006 the US House of